

ARCHIE GUBBRUD GOVERNOR

SOUTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR PIERRE

JOHN TREVILLYAN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is profitable for all citizens of the United States of America to pause, reflect, reappraise and re-evaluate their heritage as members of a free society originating in the Declaration of Independence and governed according to the Constitution of the United States, and

WHEREAS, under the stress and strain of modern living with its many distractions, there is a tendency to accept our freedoms and opportunities without due regard to our responsibilities to protect, defend and maintain them for future generations, and

WHEREAS, there is much propaganda circulated among us designed to persuade us to compromise and surrender our sovereignty, and thereby our freedoms hard won by our forbears for our benefit and for the benefit of future generations, and

WHEREAS, only by keeping our Country strong, united and sovereign can we best serve our interests and be able effectively to cooperate with and befriend other peoples and nations, and

WHEREAS. THE OBSERVANCE OF UNITED STATES DAY on October 23 has become an established custom in many communities throughout the length and breadth of our land.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ARCHIE GUBBRUD, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 23, 1961 to be "UNITED STATES DAY" in the State of South Dakota and devoutly thank God for our matchless constitutional government, and reverently pray to Him to help us keep the Republic sovereign and our freedoms inviolate. I further request all our citizens to reaffirm their allegiance to the United States of America and rededicate their lives to the support and maintenance of the Constitution upon which it is founded.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Pierre this 3 October, 1961.

Archie Gubbrud, Governor

Secretary of State

ATTEST:

CPERATOR